

Introduced by Senator Perata
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An act to add Division 113 (commencing with Section 130600) to the Health and Safety Code, relating to pharmacy assistance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1702, as introduced, Perata. California State Pharmacy Assistance Program.

Under existing law, the State Department of Health Services administers the Medi-Cal program, and is authorized, among other things, to enter into contracts with certain drug manufacturers. Under existing law, the department is entitled to drug rebates in accordance with certain conditions, and drug manufactures are required to calculate and pay interest on late or unpaid rebates.

This bill would establish the California State Pharmacy Assistance Program, to be administered by the department. The bill would establish eligibility criteria for California residents to participate in the program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Division 113 (commencing with Section
- 2 130600) is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

DIVISION 113. CALIFORNIA STATE PHARMACY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

130600. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the California State Pharmacy Assistance Program or Cal R.

130602. (a) There is hereby established in the State Department of Health Services the California State Pharmacy Assistance Program or Cal R.

(b) To be eligible for the program, a person shall be a qualified resident and shall not have outpatient prescription drug coverage paid for in whole or in part by the Medi-Cal program or Healthy Families Program, or any other program that uses federal funds to pay part or all of the cost of the person's outpatient prescription drugs.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), a person enrolled in Medicare may participate in the program to the extent allowed by federal law for prescription drugs not covered by Medicare.